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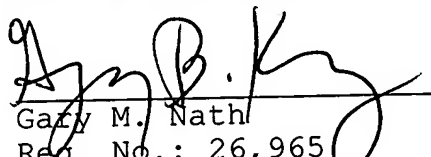
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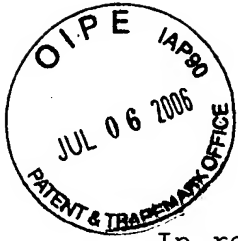
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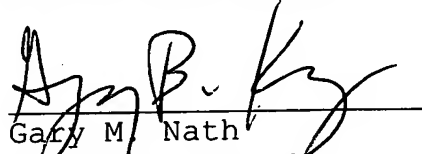
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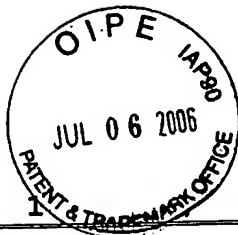
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If the Examiner has any questions or wishes to discuss this application, kindly telephone the undersigned at the below-listed number.

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